

REMARKS

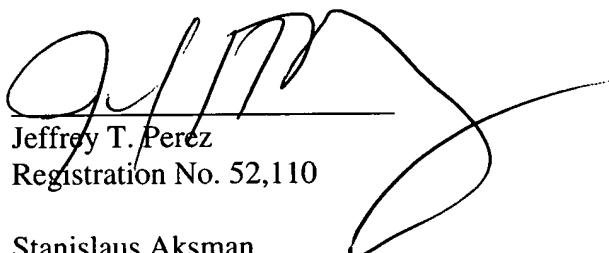
Applicants have added new claim 49 which find support at least on page 6, lines 13-15. No new matter is added as a result of the amendments. Applicants believe the Response and Declaration filed on February 27, 2004 address the Examiners remaining concerns.

CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that the above-referenced application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-955-1500.

Respectfully submitted,

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